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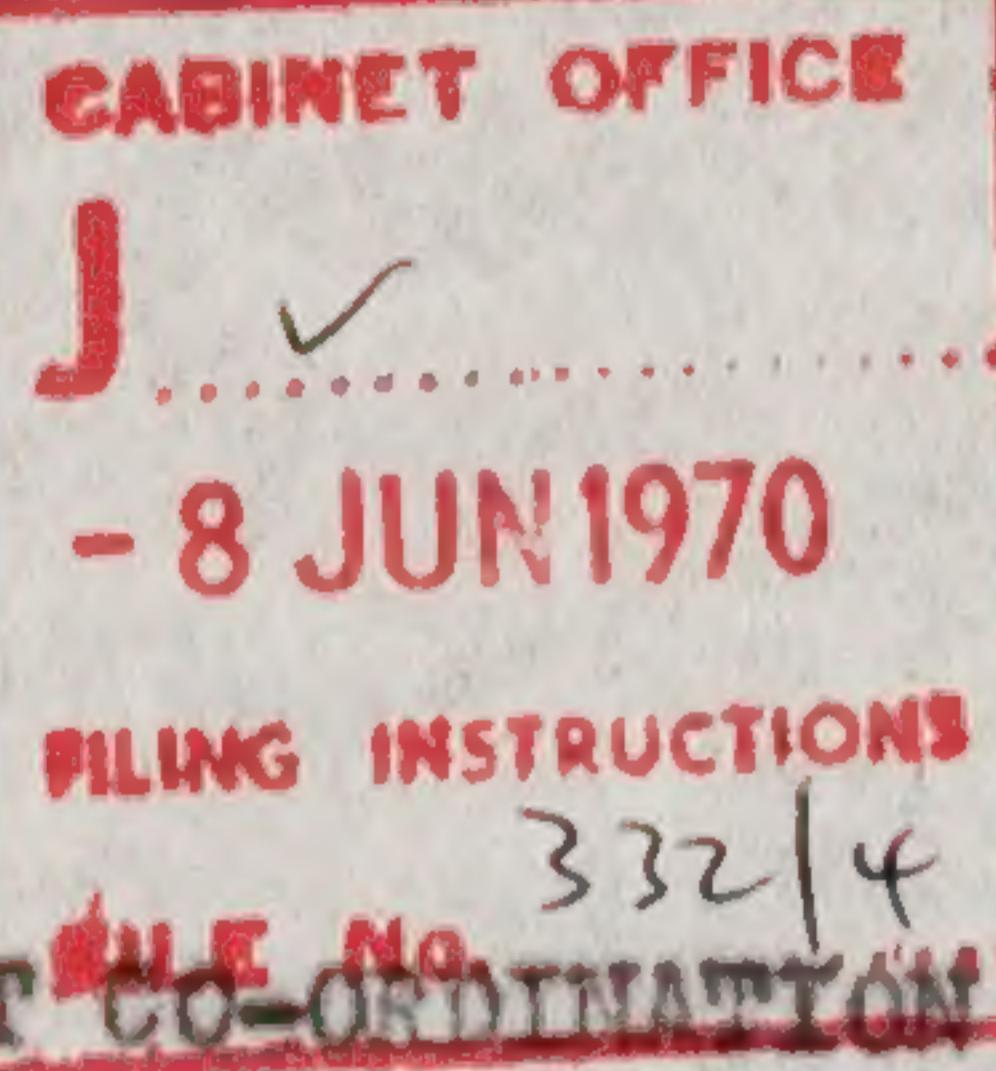
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DIRECTOR OF SERVICE INTELLIGENCE
CHAIRMAN MISSILE THREAT CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



MISSILE THREAT CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE

I am directed by the Chairman Joint Intelligence Committee (A) to say that he has studied your minute (D/DS INT/6/1/8) of 12 May 1970 and is in agreement with your general propositions. He wishes me to say that you should instruct the Missile Threat Co-ordination Working Party in accordance with your recommendations.

A G M SHEWEN
Secretary
Missile Threat Co-ordination
Sub-Committee

Cabinet Office
London SW1

5 June 1970

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Joint Intelligence Committee

MISSILE THREAT COORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

References: A - JIC(MT)(65)10(Final)
B - JIC(65)63(Final)

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FILE INSTRUCTIONS	
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1. When the Missile Threat Coordination Sub-Committee (MTCSC) was set up by the JIC in 1961, guided missiles were a relatively new branch of military technology. I consider that the arguments for setting up the MTCSC, and the Missile Threat Coordination Working Party (MTCWP), are still valid but the terms of reference are being too literally interpreted for the way these armaments have developed.

2. Undoubtedly the six reports which are currently written each year, under the auspices of the MTCSC, are worthwhile documents. I believe, however, that our reports suffer to some extent by considering all guided missile aspects of a particular threat in isolation from other weapons. This results in the reports giving the impression that a particular threat is posed exclusively by guided missiles - examples are in the "Soviet Strategic Missile Capability" paper which covers ASMs but not free-fall nuclear weapons; also in "Missile Capabilities of the Arab Countries and Israel" and in "Soviet Bloc Air Defence Missile Capabilities" where in both papers air-to-air missiles are considered in isolation from gun armed fighters. There is also much duplication because weapon systems are covered in detail in papers dealing with their use in the primary role and in other papers in possible secondary roles.

3. The concept of pooling intelligence from various sources and producing a coordinated report is axiomatic and has served us well, particularly with studies on the strategic ballistic missile threat. On the other hand, for example, it has been less satisfactory with free flight rockets and air-to-air missiles as these can be regarded simply as extensions of other forms of military armament.

4. I consider it is unnecessary to amend the terms of reference of either the MTCSC or the MTCWP, but recommend that, in general, the aim of each paper should be restricted to an assessment of the capability of a specific family of guided missiles. Putting this into practice would involve changes of titles and contents of the papers and these might be done as shown in the Annex.

5. If these recommended changes in interpretation of the terms of reference and production of MTCSC reports are acceptable to you, I shall instruct the MTCWP accordingly.

P T Philpott

P T PHILPOTT
Air Vice Marshal
Director of Service Intelligence
and Chairman MTCSC

12 May 1970

R. B. Stewart
Chairman
Joint Intelligence Committee

No objection that I can see. Would you circulate ^{the} ~~the~~ accordingly?

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ANNEX TO D/DS INT/6/1/8
dated 12 May 1970

MISSILE THREAT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>CURRENT REPORT NUMBER</u>	<u>EXISTING REPORT TITLE</u>	<u>PROPOSED NEW TITLE</u>
JIC(A)(MT)(69)1	Soviet Bloc Air Defence Missile Capabilities 1969-73.	Soviet Bloc Surface-to-Air and ABM capabilities.
JIC(A)(MT)(69)2	Missile Capabilities of the Arab Countries and Israel.	Missile Capabilities of the UAR and Israel.
JIC(A)(MT)(69)3	Soviet Strategic Missile Capability 1969-73.	Soviet Strategic SSM and SLBM capability.
JIC(A)(MT)(69)4	Soviet Maritime Tactical Missile Systems 1969-73.	Soviet Maritime Tactical Missile capability.
JIC(A)(MT)(69)5	Missile Support for Soviet Bloc Land Operation 1969-73.	Soviet Bloc Tactical SSM capability.
JIC(A)(MT)(68)6	Chinese Missile Capability 1968-72.	Chinese Missile Capability.
		Soviet ASM Capability (suggested new paper for 1971).

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June 26, 1968

Dear Mr. Richards:

The Canadian JIC has asked me to write to you concerning the disbandment in Canada of the Space Missile Intelligence Working Group (Production and Order of Battle) and the Space Missile Intelligence Working Group (Scientific and Technical) SMIG (P and O) and (S and T).

These Working Groups were formed to coordinate the activities of various Canadian Intelligence Agencies so that:

- (a) Information relating to guided missile and space intelligence on USSR, East Europe and Communist China might be pooled, evaluated and reported to the JIC; and
- (b) Liaison with equivalent UK, US and Australian committees could be carried out on behalf of the JIC.

The integration of the Canadian Armed Forces has brought together within the Intelligence and Security Division of the Department of National Defence most of the activities coordinated by SMIG(P&O) and (S&T). As the requirement for internal coordination by formal Working Groups no longer exists, at the Canadian JIC meeting No.10/68 of March 13, 1968, the JIC Working Groups SMIG(P and O) and (S and T) were disbanded.

The JIC reaffirmed its strong interest in continuing to participate in the Tripartite Guided Missile Intelligence Steering Panel and Working Party activities. The JIC has appointed the Director General of Intelligence and Security (DGIS) as its executive agent in respect of

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Secretary, UK JIC,
Cabinet Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1

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liaison previously carried out by SMIG (P and O) and (S and T) with the UK, US and (when required) Australian Committees.

Correspondence from the UK, US and Australian Committees dealing with Tripartite or Quadripartite Guided Missile and Space Intelligence should in future be addressed to:

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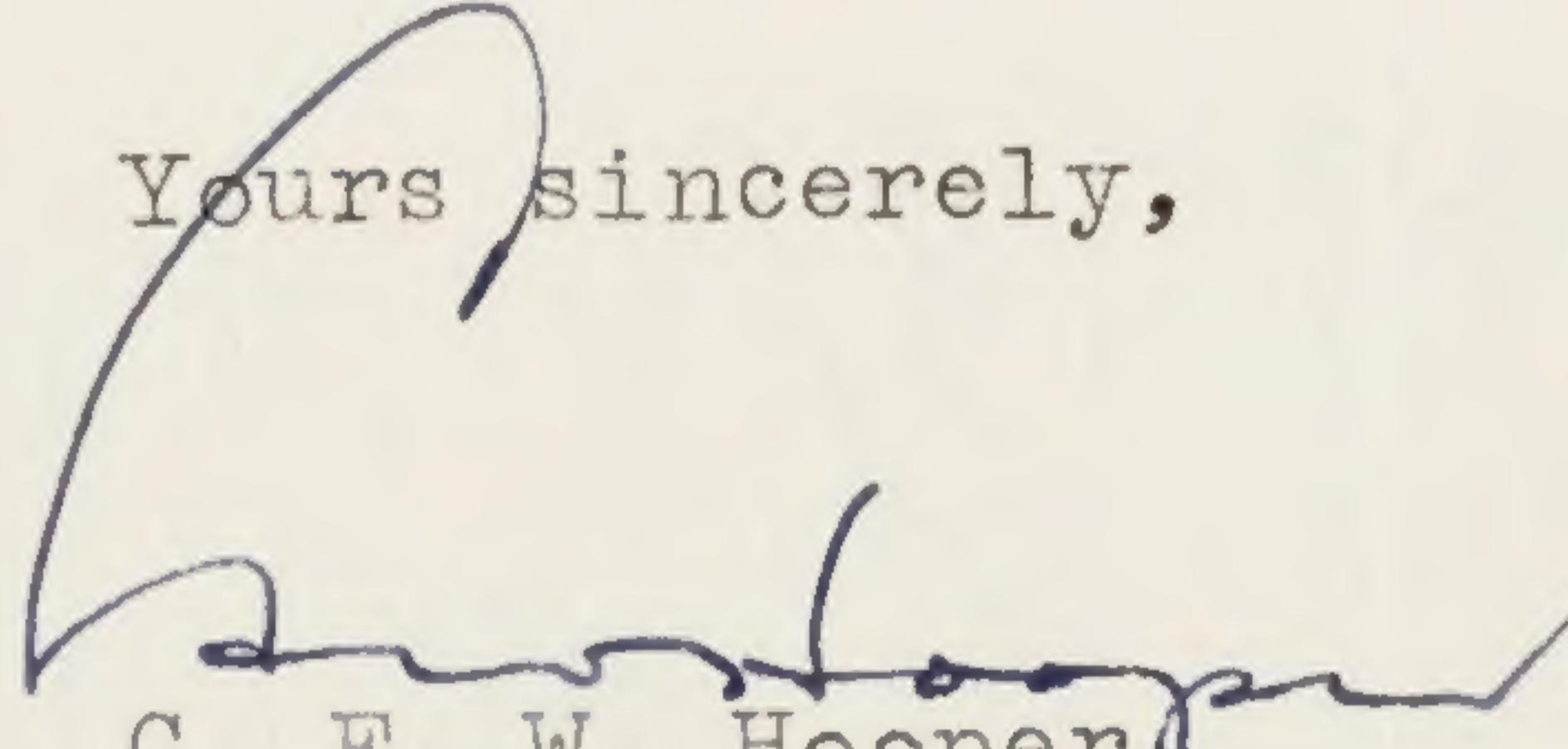
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Liaison between the agencies represented on the Committees and Canadian agencies will continue to be done through existing channels.

Amendments to the list of Canadian representatives on the Steering Panel will be made in due course.

This information has already been passed to Mr. Hunter (Chairman, ST MWP).

Yours sincerely,


C. F. W. Hooper
Canadian JICLO(L).

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CONTENT OF MISSILE THREAT REPORTS

Following the issue by DSTI of the new Soviet Missile Handbook (D/200/DSTI/278) under Secret grading the Chairman MTCWP has proposed, with his Working Party's concurrence, that future reports in the JIC(MT) series should no longer contain detailed missile information, hitherto relegated to Appendices, which is now available in the Handbook and amended bi-annually. Although the main body of some MT reports might in consequence need to be slightly expanded when referring to or amplifying missile or system characteristics, this proposal if implemented would avoid duplication of effort and could result in a considerable overall reduction in the length of MT reports. Certain individual reports have in the past extended to over 90 pages half of which formed detailed Appendices, and substantial savings would be possible in the associated typing, reproduction and distribution processes if such detail were excluded from future draft and final versions prepared in the JIC Secretariat.

2. While the current distribution of the Soviet Missile Handbook does not include each individual recipient of MT reports, most recipients in the United Kingdom could nevertheless obtain ready access to a copy for reference purposes. Certain overseas recipients of MT reports such as the JIC (London) Representatives in Washington, Ottawa and Canberra, as well as the Australian Authorities (who in fact receive only one report in the MT Series), might however wish in future to be included in the Handbook's distribution. Some sixty spare copies are still held by DSTI who would be prepared to consider any reasonable requests for the present distribution to be extended.

3. I believe therefore you will wish to accept the proposal of the Chairman MTCWP and unless I am informed (ext. 267) to the contrary by NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1968 your concurrence will be assumed and the Chairman MTCWP informed accordingly.

(Signed) W.E. HAMILTON

Cabinet Office, S.W.1.

14th February, 1968.

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Reference A Minutes of JIC(MT)(WP)(68) 2nd Meeting
 dated 30 Jan 68.

With the issue of the Soviet Missile Handbook (D/200/DSTI/278) the Missile Threat Coordination Working Party consider that there is no longer any requirement for full appendices to future MTCWP papers, although the main body of Reports might require some amplification of missile or system characteristics. The object of this proposal is to avoid duplication and reduce the overall size of the reports. This would consequently reduce the magnitude of the typing and production task which is necessary for the reports in both the draft and final stages.

2. As recorded in Reference A, the MTCWP has invited me to formally request you to seek the agreement of the Missile Threat Coordination Sub Committee to the proposal.

3. Should members of the MTCSC feel that the distribution of the Soviet Missile Handbook is too limited for them to agree to the Working Party's proposal, they may wish to note from Reference A that some sixty undistributed copies are held within the DSTI.

J. M. Maud

J. M. MAUD
 Wing Commander
 Chairman
 Missile Threat Coordination
 Working Party

6th
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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MISSILE THREAT CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

The establishment of a Missile Threat Co-ordination Sub-Committee was set up in accordance with the decision of the Steering Committee on Service Intelligence (R.S.I. (61) 3rd Meeting), and reports to the Joint Intelligence Committee. Its terms of reference were reviewed following the reorganisation of the Defence Intelligence Staff on 23rd August, 1965 (J.I.C. (65) 35th Meeting, Item 3).

Terms of Reference

2. The Sub-Committee, on behalf of the Joint Intelligence Committee, will keep under review information from all sources on guided missiles of all types held or being developed by any country whose policies may affect British interests, and will prepare estimates of the operational status and capabilities of these missiles.
3. The Sub-Committee may delegate to working parties the study of specific subjects but will remain responsible for the progress of their work and for their reports.

Composition

4. *Chairman* : The Director of Service Intelligence

Members :

Captain D.I. 3 (N) Captain D.I. 3 (Sea)
Colonel D.I. 3 (A) Colonel D.I. 3 (Land)
Group Captain D.I. 3 (Air) Area Officer D.I. 2.
Assistant Director of Intelligence (Logistics)
Director, Scientific and Technical Intelligence
One representative from M.I. 6 to be nominated

Secretary : The Secretary will be found from the Secretariat of the Joint Intelligence Committee

5. The Sub-Committee have the power to co-opt as necessary any additional Service or Official Civilian specialists.
6. These terms of reference supersede those laid down in J.I.C. (62) 106.

(Signed) BERNARD BURROWS,

Chairman, on behalf of the Joint Intelligence Committee.

Cabinet Office, S.W.1,
27th September, 1965.

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MR. J. H. ROBERTSON

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TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE
MISSILE THREAT CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Sir Norman Brook's copy of the Joint Intelligence Committee's report on this subject (J.I.C.(62)106(Revise)) is attached. 195

2. The principle of the "group estimate" is now fully accepted and it was on the initiative of the Air Ministry that this Sub-Committee's terms of reference were broadened to enable it to coordinate missile intelligence on a world-wide basis and, on request, to cover, in addition to the Sino-Soviet threats, the possible acquisition of missiles by other states - for example, France.

3. This is clearly of no interest to Ministers.

J.C.A. Roper

(J.C.A. ROPER)
Secretary,
Joint Intelligence Committee

23rd November, 1962

Mr. Roper.

Thank you. I agree.

J.H. Robertson.

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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE
MISSILE THREAT CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Report by the Joint Intelligence Committee

In accordance with the decision of the Steering Committee on Service Intelligence (R.S.I.(61)3rd Meeting), this Sub-Committee is set up and will report to the Joint Intelligence Committee. Its functions are:-

- (a) to keep under review information from all sources on guided missiles of all types held or being developed by the Sino-Soviet Bloc or by others whose policies may affect British interests;
- (b) to prepare and submit, as required, joint estimates of the capabilities and operational effectiveness of these missiles, on the understanding that, if any member of the Sub-Committee is unable to subscribe to the majority estimate, he is entitled to record his dissent and the reasons therefore.

2. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee will be Air-Vice Marshal A. Foord-Kelcey, C.B.E., A.F.C., and the members will include representatives from Service Departments, the J.I.B., G.C.H.Q. and D.S.I.(J.I.B.), who will represent S.T.I.S.C.. The Secretary will be found from the Secretariat of the J.I.C.

3. These terms of reference supersede those laid down in J.I.C.(61)52.

(Signed) HUGH STEPHENSON
Chairman, on behalf of
The Joint Intelligence Committee

Cabinet Office, S.W.1.

23rd November, 1962